

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: I understand some type of Centrelink payments in the farm or drought assistance space have been available for a decade or more. Is that correct?

Ms Golightly: I would have to check for how long, but, yes, there has been assistance available.

Senator CAMERON: You can check how long that has been available?

Ms Golightly: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: Can you take that on notice?

Ms Golightly: Yes.

Answer:

Centrelink income support payments that have been available to persons in relation to farm or drought assistance over the last 10 years are shown below.

	From	To
Sugar Industry Reform Assistance Package	1 October 2002	31 March 2003
Sugar Industry Reform Program 2004	2 March 2004	1 March 2005
Citrus Canker Assistance Package	11 February 2005	10 February 2007
Farm Help Income Support	1 July 2000	30 June 2008
Farm Family Support (WA Pilot Program)	1 July 2010	30 June 2012
Transitional Income Support	16 June 2008	30 June 2012
Transitional Farm Family Payment	1 July 2012	28 February 2014
Interim Income Support	9 December 2002	30 June 2014
Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment	1 September 1997	30 June 2014
Interim Farm Household Allowance	1 March 2014	30 June 2014